

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LAPORTE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

**JUNE 8, 2021**

**8:30 AM, COUNTY COMPLEX MEETING ROOM #3, LAPORTE, INDIANA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hugh Glasgow; Tony Hendricks; Steve Mrozinski;  
Joe Cuson; Rich Mrozinski; Brad Adamsky

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Keil

MEMBERS/STAFF ABSENT: Sarah Haefner

PUBLIC PRESENT: see sign-in sheet

Steve Mrozinski called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was taken. Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve the last meeting minutes. Cuson seconded. Motion carried.

HUDSON LAKE: Keil reported that H&G serviced the valve. It is in perfect working order and is closed. The water level is 7" above the weir.

MCKELLIPS DRAIN: Keil received a request from George LeDonne to clean the McKellips Ditch from Hwy 6 going north almost a mile. Keil asked for a motion to put it out for bid for October.

DRAIN CROSSING APPS: Keil reported that INDOT will be rehabilitating the bridge over the Davidson Drain. NIPSCO will be crossing the Hedrick Ditch on 1000 North and going north to a customer. They are not crossing under the drain but boring into the side of the ditch and going under the road.

BRAD ADAMSKY, ATTORNEY REPORTS: He reported that the County Commissioners passed a resolution regarding electronic meeting attendance. He has also been speaking with Hudson Lake residents regarding serving as private legal counsel. The lake level is under the jurisdiction of the DNR with the Board serving as a cooperating entity.

TONY HENDRICKS, SURVEYOR'S REPORTS: He asked if a hold harmless agreement is needed for the drain crossing applications. Glasgow motioned for approval. Rich Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. He discussed Hudson Lake, the valve, and the siltation. There are wetlands on the edges of Hudson Lake. We met with Dave Smith from

the DNR. Any change to the legal lake limit has to go before Circuit Court. Per the past agreement, the Board is only a voluntary agent for the DNR to serve as a valve custodian. Adamsky stated the volunteers do not have discretion to change levels from the legal limit.

Keil stated that the drain crossing application contains wording regarding a hold harmless.

GALENA MEADOWS SUBD: Keil reported that no bids were received for the drainage easement mowing and asked for a motion to get a contractor to perform the work. Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve. Cuson seconded. Motion carried.

WEST ARM OF THE BULL DITCH: Keil stated beavers were trapped and a small dam was removed by Dennis Mann. Keil submitted the bill for payment under the approval from last month.

CLAIMS: H&G Underground Utilities LLC, Hudson Lake Valve Service, \$1,040.00. Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve. Cuson seconded. Motion carried.

JOINT BOARD REPORTS: Hendricks reported that he and others met on the tree removal project with Allsop. Work will resume in the fall due to the bat roosting. Glasgow stated the river is flowing good but there are still some trees to be removed. Keil stated that Porter County will be doing their project utilizing barges.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Georgette Joyce approached the Board to give a progress report. She spoke with the fire chief who stated they would not use Lakeshore Drive as access. She met and toured the lake with Dave Smith, DNR. She is working with Zach to look for dredging grants and also a lake management plan.

Roger Teska, Lakeshore Drive, Hudson Lake, approached the Board. He stated the gravel on Lakeshore Drive has packed down but now vehicles are speeding and there are parking issues. Keil also observed piles of garbage at the boat ramp and asked who picked it up. Georgette Joyce will look into that.

MIKE POLAN, BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Polan commented on Hudson Lake issues. He stated the Plan Commission is going to pass a solar panel ordinance and welcomed any input regarding the drainage.

Rich Mrozinski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cuson seconded.

Motion carried.

The next meeting is July 13 at 8:30 AM in the County Complex Meeting Room #3.

Christine Keil, Secretary  
Dated: June 30, 2021